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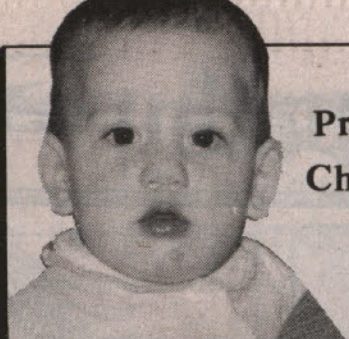
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# The Kenyon Collegian

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May 1, 1986



All the news we  
think is fit to print

## Vice-President Bush to bullshit at Commencement

President Jordan announced late today that Vice-President George Bush will be this year's Commencement speaker. The long-awaited decision came after three solid hours of discussion behind closed doors with members of the Senior Class Committee in Ransom Hall late last night.

"There was some disagreement between myself and the Committee," admitted Jordan while holding an ice-pack to his left eye, "but I am confident we made the right choice." He continued, "Kenyon is fortunate to be able to attract a speaker of such high caliber as Mr. Bush."

Senior Class President Chris Schwarz was pleased with the decision also. "We just wanted a celebrity, that's all—someone who would impress our parents, trustees, faculty,

and alumni."

Other members of the Committee were not so happy. "We tried for a good two hours to convince Phil that someone like Bob Newhart, Bill Cosby, or Richard Dreyfus would be a much better choice," said one Committee member. "Some of us were concerned that a politician like Bush would turn his Commencement address into a campaign pitch and attempt to politically indoctrinate the graduating class."

"I wanted Ed Spodick," interjected another Committee member.

One was even in favor of Joe from the Village Market. "He may not be a celebrity to the rest of the world, but at least he is well known by all in the community."

Bush has graciously sent the *Collegian* a

copy of the address he will give May 18. An excerpt:

"A lot of you feel terribly cheated and that a liberal arts education is a pile of shit. You feel you've been conned into wasting four years of precious time. I don't find your bitterness entirely misplaced. After all, here you are at the ridiculous age of twenty-one, with virtually no real skills except as conversationalists. Let me remark, in passing, what fantastic conversationalists you are. Most of you have mastered enough superficial information and tricks of the trade to be able to hold conversations with virtually anyone about anything. This is one of the reasons you're such big hits at your parents' parties. Being a good conversationalist is really what a liberal arts education is all about."



Bush smiles at the thought of converting all of Kenyon's flaming liberals.

## Student Council shoots the breeze

By Rik Kleinfeldt

On Sunday April 27th, 1986 The Student Council met in the Biology Building in room 210 on Kenyon College campus in Gambier, Ohio, U.S.A.

After attendance was taken, indicating that a quorum was not present, Todd Perret, with a mouth full of popcorn, made a motion to change the quorum to 25%. The matter was discussed at length and President Jim Weiss entertained a motion from the floor to move to a vote.

Per usual voting procedure, each person ripped up their own ballot and passed it to math major Tony Ziselberger, who left the room to count in private. The results were 20 in favor, 15 opposed. This is rather odd con-

sidering the fact that only 20 Council members were present. Then Weiss exclaimed, "Wait a minute. We can't vote; we don't have a quorum."

The President gave no report since he was still hung over from Summer Send-Off. During the Vice-President's Report, Kat Lewis exclaimed, "I don't care if no one else liked the Red Hot Chili Peppers. I thought they were FANTASTIC! I loved their new wave, disco, rock and roll type sound." Chris Martens added, "Let's invite them back for next year!"

Letters of intent were read and laughed at while the Secretary gave her report. The floor was opened for discussion and all hell broke loose. Treasurer Kent Karosen threatened that if the room didn't come to order he

would confiscate all of Council's funds and go on a long vacation. Everyone cheered.

There were about ten committee reports, but I can't remember exactly who said what. No one really cares anyway.

The issues of vandalism, apathy and indoctrination were brought up as old business. As for new business one council member raised the question, "Why is Dean Adkins really leaving?" Open form included a discussion of Council's lack of organization and direction. No conclusions were drawn and nothing was definitely decided.

The meeting was adjourned in record time. Council's next meeting might be at 6:30 next Sunday. And then again it might not be. All members of the community are invited to attend, but why bother?

## Something bad happened sometime

A group of about 2-15 people did some damage to something near here probably last weekend, we think. The administration released no details, but Dean Adkins did describe the incident as "really, really, mean-spirited and bad". Dean Reading elaborated: "Yeah."

The Dean of Students, Thomas Edwards, was reached for comment only after he was assured that no tape recorder would be used during an interview. Edwards explained that "it is, of course, not our policy to discuss such bad things. Rest assured that we will do something to those people who were involved, and it, too, will be really bad." Asked what options were being considered, Edwards suggested such actions as additional charges to the students' accounts and even making them leave for a while. However, Edwards continued, "we don't feel that it's necessary to reveal who was involved. We certainly wouldn't want to damage the

reputations of students who, we feel, can really become productive members of the Kenyon community if they are punished. I mean, you're all good boys and girls underneath, and we don't feel that this is really anything that matters to you or affects any of you. No, sir. Kenyon is really such a nice place, and I think it's better if we all think of it that way."

Specific details of what happened were also not revealed, but the flag isn't at half-mast, so nobody died. Student comments on the incident were mixed. One sophomore thought that "the use of an X-Acto knife was totally unwarranted for such a thing," while another rumor has it that it was part of someone's hell week. As a junior put it, "well, my roommate said that this guy told him in the market that this kid in his class thought that they didn't know that the jar was full of nytro, but I really don't know what's going on."



The Senior Class Gift has arrived in Nu Pi Kappa. It consists of a desk, lamp, and chair as a memorial to Gerrit H. Roelofs. The trashcan was a nice afterthought.

## the big scoop

### On Campus . . .

#### Vandalism, Vandalism, Vandalism

The *Collegian* office was vandalized last night. Nothing was reported missing, but it is hard to say for sure at this time. The office didn't look any worse than it usually does . . .

#### White BMW for sale

The owner of the white BMW parked outside Norton left its lights on. Also, isn't that car illegally parked . . . hey, Officer 14!!

#### Nothing

Our reporter missed the Student Council, IFC, and Senate meetings this week. So, lest we be accused of misreporting . . . nothing was discussed anywhere.

#### Hika is Hika

Hika hasn't won anything recently, but it would seem weird not to mention them for something. After all, it was a great issue!

#### New Chaplain announced

As of press time Kenyon still has no chaplain. But rest assured, that could change any year now.



## Quotes of the year

"Maybe we should call Security 'parking control' instead."—Peter Luther '87

"Why is it that Student Council's major activities this semester have been creating ad hoc committees and taking pot-shots at the *Collegian*?"—Paul Singer '88

"I would like to suggest that Student Council worry about the accuracy of the reports at its meetings and I, as News Editor second semester, will take care of the accuracy of all news stories."—Laurie Cole '89

"Why are we here? To have a good time, make some friends, and be irresponsible for four years?"—John T. Lysaker '88

"I personally do not consider the mutilation of a cow to be either 'amusing' or 'innocent.' It is nothing other than sick."—Jennifer Russell

"Of all the half-assed, non-sensical arguments against Women's Studies . . . I respond unto you, editors of the Weekly Whatnot: if your editorial of February 20 is an indication of your deeply-rooted and carefully considered thoughts concerning your educational experience here in Hades Park, then do yourself and your classmates a favor and get the hell out. And take the gatekeepers with you."—David Bartram '88

"This instructor spent fifty minutes lecturing about the plight of the poor in America, creating a feeling of guilt among his students. He did very little teaching during the period, but instead he attempted to indoctrinate students with his socialist ideals."—Peter Stautberg '86

"Being only human, professors are bound to have biases, just as students do. Any freshman who comes to college desiring only to have his/her beliefs reinforced is not looking for an education, only a gold star of approval for their own presuppositions."—Bob Breck '86

"It seems to me that before we start slipping hemlock into our professors' coffee or continue slinging poison arrows through the press, we would do well to step back and consider the charges brought against Socrates by his fellow Athenians."—Garth Van't Hul '88

"As to the accusations that the *Collegian* is an administrative puppet, they are totally ludicrous; after all, who has the time to organize a puppet show about a third rate college newspaper that has had more editors this year than readers."—Phil Pfalzgraf & David Burgess '88

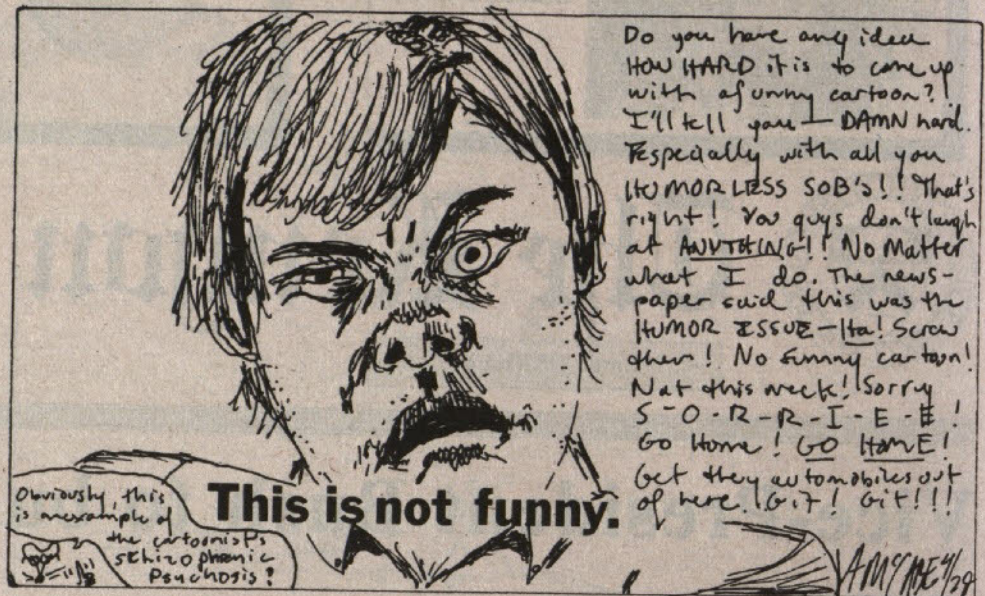
"I mention expensive because at a time when seniors are being heavily fined, something has to give. In this case I think security will win and perhaps the College will lose."—Herky Pollock '86



## The Kenyon Collegian

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The Kenyon Collegian is published every week the Editors are free of any academic assignments exceeding the scope required for normal, daily participation in classes, seminars, and laboratories (which means only during Grace Periods). The views expressed in the paper are those of Philander Chase. The Editorial Board seeks the truth but cannot be held responsible for what it writes. Yearly subscriptions were \$20.00, but now the paper is free because we don't need any more money. Advertisers may donate money, however, if they feel like it's worth it.



## THE READERS GRIPE

The Kenyon Collegian prints letters to the Editor whenever we feel like it. All submissions must show disappointment or disgust and rag on at least one person in particular. The Editor reserves the right to misinterpret all material received and rewrite most submissions.

## Bugress and Pfalzgraf offer services

To the Editor:

Our letter last week about Meryem Ersoz's comments on our paper, the all-new *Gambier Monthly Journal*, made us realize that we really don't need to go to all the trouble of putting out our own paper after all. Instead, we will simply be writing to the *Collegian* every week, until we have taken on and thrashed into the dust everything in this place that ticks us off.

For starters, this week we're really annoyed that nobody's taking us seriously anymore. It is blatantly obvious to all who observe the facts (which is, after all, what we're all here for) that the administration is accepting funds and support from hostile foreign governments in an attempt to make us feel guilty about our God-given male WASP superiority. Only those who, unlike us, continue to be really negative about things as

they are should refuse to take action. Of course, the powers-that-be on this campus deny everything, which only makes us wonder more what they're really hiding.

Oh, yeah, and speaking of coverups, how about the *Collegian*? What a wimp paper! Everything they print is direct from Joan Straumanis' desk, we bet. We have proof, too. Really.

Gee, this is fun. And speaking of feminists, what about all those radical lesbians on campus? The same ones who didn't want Bush to speak at graduation and organize illegal marches for peace and and and wear funny clothes and don't wash their hair and stuff? Huh?

We'll be back next week with more in-depth discussion of important issues, to just bias bias bias like you get from some profs. Don't try and stop us, either; we still have your light table.

Yours in Truth,  
David Bugress  
Phil Pfalzgraf (sic)

## Cow talk 'silly'

To the Editor:

I think all this talk about the cow mutilation is just plain silly. How can we spend our time arguing about an animal hoof when there are far more pressing matters to discuss and determine every day. Like which of my 30 pairs of shoes I'm wearing tomorrow. Tee-hee.

Yours moo-ly,  
James D. Polk

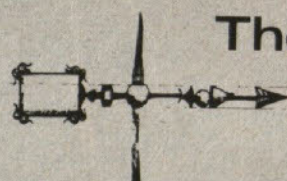
## A new Officer #14

To the Editor:

I am writing to you to express my interest to the community about the new job that I hear is opening up at Kenyon. I understand that the departure of Officer #14 will leave an irreplaceable void in your crack team of security agents. But I feel that I can step into his prodigious shoes and rip off students just as effectively as he did.

After all, if I can manage to swindle an entire nation, writing a few thousand parking tickets should be a piece of cake. And besides, Imelda needs some new Bean boots.

Your friend,  
Ferdinand Marcos



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## Peeps announce decision to step into the seventies

By J. Rotten

In a startling announcement that has shaken the Kenyon community at its very foundations, the Peeps O' Kenyon called a press conference to tell about a change. Their spokespeople, who identified themselves as Steve 'Boom Boom' Finebloom, Ford 'Boogey' Bailey, and Warren 'Tightpants' Teitz, announced that the Peeps are going to give up their "stuck in the 60's" image and evolve into the 1970's. "We didn't want to move forward too much," said 'Boom Boom.' "I don't think we could take that drastic a step."

No longer will the South Quad hear Hendrix, Dylan, Doors, or CSN emanating from the Peeps. Now their listening tastes will be

the Bee Gees and The Village People as well as various other disco bands.

"Just call us the Peepo's now," said 'Tightpants' Teitz.

Ford 'Boogey' Bailey also announced that the Cigarettes, the official old Peep band will now be known as the Polyesters.

'Boom Boom' and the others went on to add that everyone is excited about the across-the-board reforms. "Out with greasy hair and Jesus look-alikes, in with the blowdryers, gaudy gold chains, sterilizing tight white pants, and blow-dried chest hair," the spokespeople proclaimed.

However, not everyone is pleased with the change. A "Peepo" who wishes to remain anonymous has stated "some of us don't like disco, we're into wimprock." For these folks it's James Taylor, Barry Manilow, and Dan

rogeioerg, while they sip Sangria and discuss their hopes for future stock dealings and real estate holdings. "We want to stress our individuality from the rest of the Peepo's," the person said. "We all agree, we're different," said another. The unidentified source continued, "we have always disliked the conformity of the other frats, that's why we all were wierd and cosmically one together. Now we have a chance to really show our individuality in unison!"

In reaction to this announcement, a spokesperson for the Archons has stated that his fraternity is seriously considering adopting the discarded Peep image. The spokesperson stated, "we're looking for an image—any image."

The D-Phi's too reacted, proclaiming "we're not interested in any image, just Ohio High School sports!"

An unofficial spokesman for the A-D's has stated "we don't care what the Peeps do just as long as they continue to sell drugs."

Phi-Kap Greg Pring spoke for himself, "What's the big deal? I've lived in the 70's all my life!"

An excited spokesman for the Delts proclaimed, "maybe now they'll quit being vegetarians and buy our beef."

The Peep reforms will be in effect next fall. How the rest of campus will react and how long the Peepo's will remain in the 70's remains to be seen. It is this reporter's view that it will take another 20 years.

## Are you a Pepper?

By Christopher McElvein

I was fortunate enough to be one of the very few lucky individuals to have the pleasure of experiencing the Red Hot Chili Peppers on the eve of Summer Send-Off.

I say that I was one of the very few individuals, because for some odd reason, the crowd seemed to stream back to their dorms shortly after the Peppers walked on stage. I, for one, was immediately captivated by the band. I knew from the moment the band leader suggested to the audience that they hold their genitals in their mouths, that a beautiful experience was in the making. I do not mean to imply that the band's comments were in any way the only highlight of the show. For instance, their movement on stage impressed me a great deal. I was amazed that a group of young men could shake and jump so violently and at the same time "play" their instruments so very skillfully.

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## Peeps offer final exam tips

By The Peeps

As we all know, exam time is just around the corner. In the interests of widespread sanity, we are offering some handy studying and exam-taking hints to make your final exam experience more rewarding.

(1) Don't study over a long period of time. "Knowledge Leak", as study experts call it, is a well-established phenomenon. Your best bet is to figure out how long it will take you to study, find out when your exam is, and then work backwards. This way, when going into an exam, the information is at maximum freshness.

(2) When reading, remember: comprehension doesn't count. The material will all sort itself out once it's in your head. If you encounter a problem with this try sleeping with the text under your pillow. This is known as the "osmosis technique."

(3) When stumped on any written exam question, just remember to start with a generalized phrase like: "Throughout human history . . .," "Since the beginning of time, people have wondered about . . .," or "In the beginning was the word."

(4) Always play loud music or study in a nearby TV lounge. The brain is a "knowledge stomach" and as we all know, a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down.

(5) Don't bother to take notes in class. Writing interferes with the memory process. Besides, most people's notes are so garbled they're not very useful anyway.

(6) Wear a funny hat while studying. It is not only cheerful, but helps the brain maintain operating temperature through stifling

chemistry and philosophy readings.

(7) Don't, by all means, study more than one thing at a time. Students who pull multi-subject all-nighters often end up writing essays about French existentialism on their organic chemistry exams, much to the confusion and consternation of their professors.

(8) If you are one of the many students who takes drugs while studying, good for you. You are on the right path of modern study techniques. However, remember to take the same drugs you studied with on the exam day. This will be the key to get access to your information.

(9) Answer the questions in order whether you know them or not. Skipping around can lead to blank answers and is one of the cardinal sins of test taking.

(10) Remember that on multiple choice exams, the dots on the answer sheet always follow curvy little patterns. If you don't know an answer try to place the dot where you think it belongs.

(11) On true/false tests, if part of the answer is true probably the whole thing is. Also beware of deceptively easy questions. It's more than likely that the prof is trying to trip you up a little bit, so take your time.

(12) On essays tests, try starting your answer with an amusing riddle or ethnic joke. This serves to "prime the pump", so to speak, to put the grader in a positive mental state so he'll be easier on you. Stapling a \$50 bill to your exam works also but it is not advised on computer-graded exams.

(13) Remember: "God didn't create the world in six days—He procrastinated for five and pulled an all-nighter."

## Psi-Ewes milk sweet victory from Cows in Livestock Bowl

By Bob Bovine

The Psi-Ewes intramural football squad squeaked past Delta Cow Delta in last week's Livestock Bowl. The Ewes showed their superior pigskin handling abilities as they shut out the Cows 3-0.

The Ewes scored an early field goal in the first quarter to put the game's only points on the board. The game pitted two tough defenses against each other. When asked to comment on his team's loss, tight end Don Gest replied, "Moo. I thought we could come

back in the second half, but when Bessie, our kicker, left his foot in the Norton men's bathroom when he took a leak at half-time, I knew it was all as good as over."

After the game, Ewe captain and all-around stud Gentry Sayad hoisted the Livestock Bowl trophy and bleated, "W-e-e-e tri-i-e-d r-r-r-eal ha-a-r-r-d and it paid off. They thought they could confuse our defense by mixing plays, but no one pulls the wool over our eyes, no sir." The Ewes are pleased with their coup and hope they can pull off another Livestock Bowl victory next year.

## Martens requests anatomy lesson

To the Editor:

Do you think the *Collegian* could get a bio professor or an art guy or someone to draw a picture of the cow and maybe diagram exactly what parts were really cut off. My mom called and asked if they got any of the udder. You know, I couldn't even give my mother an answer. I'm supposed to call her back Thurs-

day night, so I'd really appreciate it if you go it in this week. It doesn't have to be a fold out life-size map or anything (unless you think it should be). Maybe about the size of an editorial cartoon. Thanks.

Sincerely,  
Chris Martens

## Frat boys support obnoxious noise

To the Kenyon Community:

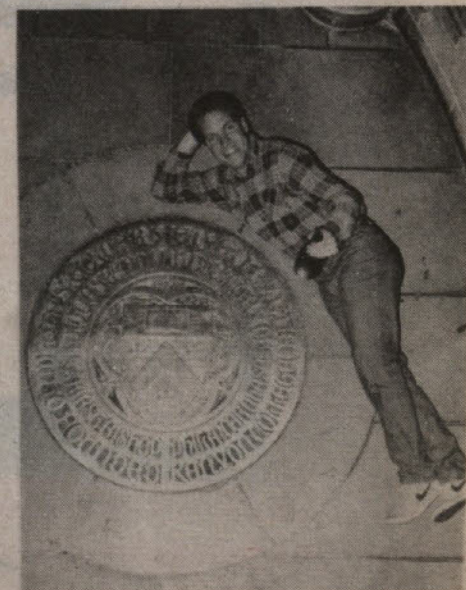
As finals week is approaching and students seem to be burdened by large quantities of nerve-racking work, we ask that fellow students and the community as a whole be aware of this fact and add to this burden. So, follow our lead and please, make as much noise as possible.

Thank you,  
The Fraternity Divisions

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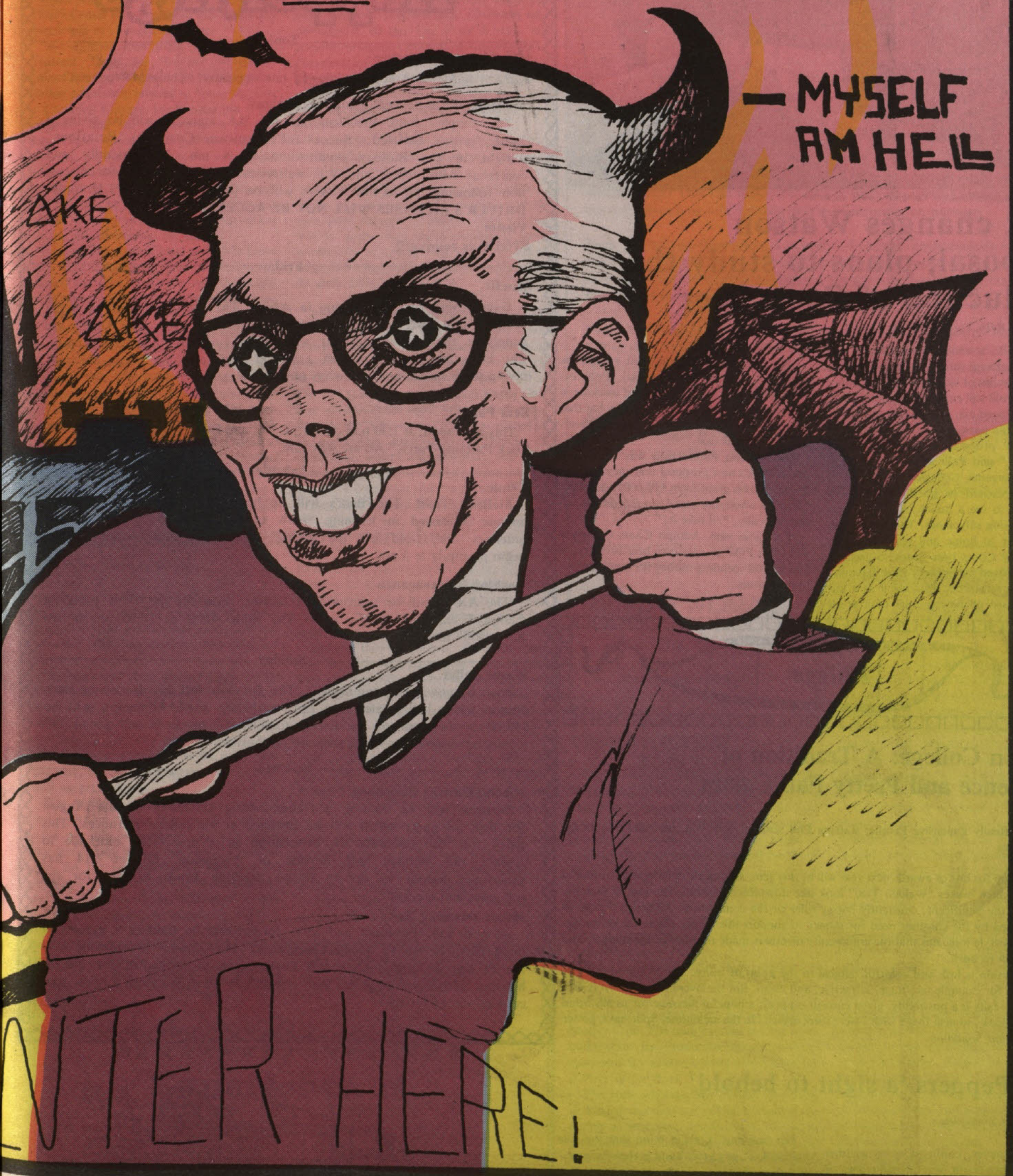






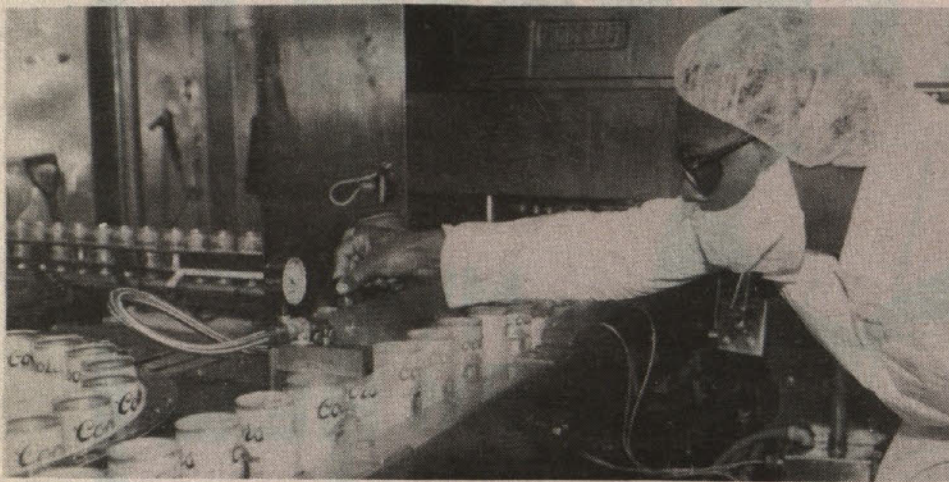
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# Out on a Limb



James Polk adjusts pressure valve on Coors dispenser

## Polk changes Watson Proposal; plans to study the production of Coors beer

By Beth You're-snooti

James Polk, a senior Drama major, has decided to change his Watson Fellowship proposal. Instead of studying African Dance in Nigeria, Polk will examine the complicated and strict procedures that govern the brewing, aging, and packaging of Coors beer.

"This new proposal makes much more sense to me," said Polk in an exclusive up-close and personal *Collegian* interview. "I wasn't that excited to go all the way to Nigeria just to see a bunch of natives bop around and sing silly songs. This way, I can remain closer to home and really begin to find out why Coors beer tastes so great. I have always loved the brewery-fresh flavor of Coors. I can remember drinking it as a kid and I still insist on having cases of it at all

cast parties."

When asked about the real reason he decided to change his proposal, Polk exclaimed, "It was the excitement of working in a large brewery and wearing a funny hat that really appealed to me. I like the smell of beer. It's as simple as that."

The Watson Foundation was so excited about Polk's new proposal that they decided to increase his grant from \$10,000 to \$30,000. "That's a whopping sum," remarked Polk enthusiastically, "I'll take it."

If all goes well, Adolph Coors Company will offer Polk his very own beer-brewing kit and \$3,000 spending money for a new collection of shoes.



## Kenyon College: A Tradition of Excellence and Pretty Fall Colors

Directed by Really Expensive People; starring Phil Jordan, with you, me, and everybody; 1986; 121 min.

Sure to be up for lots of awards next year will be this gem, a fantastic depiction of a utopian community which makes "Walden Two" look like downtown Detroit. The plot is sketchy, centering on the beneficent, constantly happy ruler of the community. Although a note of drama is added by the constant need for money to support this happy place, the seemingly self-conscious style indicates that the community members made the film of themselves, and thus have cash to burn.

The production is lush and colorful, almost to the point of irony. The living quarters of the residents, for example, are huge, attractive, and clean. But the overall impression is of a utopia which really is a possibility, given enough support: a hopeful message for us all. Spud says, gosh, it looks so neat that I wish I were there myself. In the meantime, Spud says, go see this film. — *Spud Spudman*

## Chili Peppers 'a sight to behold'

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I was, however, confused as to whether their agile movement was actually part of their act or whether it was simply their attempt to avoid the various projectiles being launched toward them from the crowd. Furthermore, their mere appearance on stage was truly a sight to behold. In fact, I would even go so far as to say that the Chili Peppers gave new meaning to the word hairstyle.

But one must keep in mind that the true hallmark of any great band is their "sound," and theirs has been ringing in my head since the moment that they stopped playing.

All in all, it was a . . . an interesting show. My only regret is that more people could not have stayed and suffered through, I mean enjoyed, the Chili Peppers as much as I did. They were the Peppers. Now I'm a Pepper. Wouldn't you like to be a Pepper too?

## Happenings

Tonight

### ARA Monotony Breaker

Pasta, potatoes and popcorn plus, a new specialty: "Duck McNuggets."

### "Successful Employee/Customer Relations"

The People's Bank President and the V.I. manager will be giving a joint lecture entitled "Successful Employee/Customer Relations" tonight in the Biology Auditorium at 8 pm. The friendly and courteous bank tellers and V.I. waitresses will be on hand for discussion following this event. Tickets will be free with Kenyon I.D. only! **DRIVER'S LICENSES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!**

Visitor

STOUG is coming!!!

Friday

### Benefit

Gala benefit for the starving in Africa. The festivities begin at 8 pm in the Gund Sweet Shop. Refreshments will be served. The DKE's are supplying the champagne that was left over from their CNC party. The Delts are bringing USDA grain-fed beef, and the Peeps are supplying some special hors d'oeuvres (mushrooms).

### Beta Party

This afternoon, at 3:30 p.m., A.M., C.M., and E.W. will be hosting a "Beta Rock Painting Party." All are welcome.

Saturday

### Clinic

McBride Field. The Beta's will be hosting an afternoon clinic for anyone interested in learning "How to be Hot and Sweaty on the Sidelines and Cold on the Field." Instruction and demonstrations begin promptly at 3 pm.

### Fashion Extravaganza

The A.D.'s will be sponsoring a fashion show for the "New Look on Campus" featuring Jerry's Jams. The show starts at 10:00 pm in the K.C. Don't miss it!

Sunday

### Water Ballet

Post hangover entertainment!!! The Psi U's will be displaying their unique water ballet talents in full snorkeling gear. Admission will be \$10.00 at the door of the Earnst Center. All proceeds will go to the repairs on campus for which they are responsible.

Next Year . . .

### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Security will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony in late August for new toll-gates which will be installed at all college entrances. This party will also celebrate the installation of a new stone blockade to replace the wooden one outside of Ascension. Officer #14 has generously agreed to donate excess ticketing funds to pay for the toll gates and blockade.

### House-warming Party

At 6:30 pm, President and Mrs. Jordan will be holding a housewarming party in Nu Pi Kappa (Ascension). The Jordans are moving into Nu Pi Kappa so that Cromwell Cottage can be renovated for student housing. All members of the community are welcome. Juice and cookies will be served.



Liberal Arts



# Perplexing

## New lottery procedure outlined

By Shirley Jackson

Faced with a housing crunch, the Student Affairs Center has announced that the lottery system will be changed next year.

"We've tried everything else," laments Assistant Dean for Student Residences Robert Reading. According to Reading, Mrs. Jordan adamantly refused to house students in Cromwell Cottage, the Kenyon Inn is too expensive and the administration decided that Weaver Cottage was just too nice for students. Mobile homes on the soccer field were unfeasible because of a Gambier building code. Athletic Director Jeff Vennell also objected to this plan because he said it would interfere with the new sprinkling system, not to mention the games.

Reading admits that tents on Peirce Lawn were also considered, but Dr. Schermer warned the Housing Office that this might cause higher attrition rates from pneumonia, if nothing else.

"Obviously a drastic measure was called for since the Admissions office plans to keep up their record-breaking pace," says Reading. "We organized our priorities and decided the best thing to do was eliminate upperclassmen, then worked from there, consulting faculty and staff for new ideas." ARA volunteered to serve beer at every meal so that more students would go on drunken rampages and get suspended. This idea was ruled out only after it was determined that a full-time judicial board would have to replace

Vicky Bausinger's position as Coordinator of Student Social Activities.

Finally, the English Department came up with a modest proposal that eliminates administrative hassle. On a given day, all students will gather in front of Ransom Hall. President Jordan will hold a black box full of pieces of paper. Each paper will have either a number or a black dot. Those who draw the black dot will then be stoned to death by their peers.

"As I see it, this could be a real plus for the deans' office," Reading comments. "At least now we won't have to listen to a bunch of students whining about having bad numbers. Those who have reason to complain will be gone soon enough. Of course, some people will be angry that we've eliminated their roommates or ruined their block or apartment plans, but there's really nothing we can do about that."

At least one person has suggested that this system, "isn't fair, it isn't right." But Dean Edwards argues, "It's standard operational procedure for a school to do this sort of thing. Some students may resist at first, but I'm sure that their sense of duty to the College will win in the end." When asked about the role the Admissions Office has played in the new system, John Anderson, Director of Admissions smiled and answered, "We can't help it if more people want to go here than we can fit. I only wish there was some way to protect the National Merit Scholars."

## Almanac surfaces; Quarterly vanishes

By Leo Strauss

Sophomores Phil Pfalzgraf and David Burgess announced this week that they have formed a new publication, *The Gambier Almanac*. The first issue is scheduled for release in two years.

"We're excited about having a new forum in which both liberal and conservative points of view can interact," Pfalzgraf comments. "We tried to do the same thing with the *Gambier Monthly* and then again with the *Gambier Quarterly*. I think we've hit on a great idea here, and we're just going to keep trying until we get it right."

The *Almanac* plans on being a student group without college funding. "We want to avoid any ties whatsoever with any group that could control what we print," Pfalzgraf says. So far the publication has received donations from Accuracy in Academia and the Young Republicans. Pfalzgraf admits that the publication has had trouble soliciting subscriptions. "We've only sent subscription

letters to our parents since those are the only address labels that the Alumni Office will trust us with. We haven't heard from any of them yet, but we're still hoping to get a few subscriptions out of the campaign."

Despite these problems, Pfalzgraf feels that the *Almanac's* separation from the College will pay off. "Being independent will mean we won't have to walk timidly into the big stories. And I guarantee that we will have big stories. After all, our writers will have two years to prepare them."

If production goes as planned, the first issue will contain an article by Elizabeth Kristol-Lilla-McFadden as printed in the March edition of *Complimentary* magazine. Also included will be pieces from the *National Enquirer* and *Penthouse*. We're still experimenting with format," Pfalzgraf explains. "Who knows? We may even decide to solicit submissions from students."

Pfalzgraf sees the *Gambier Almanac* as the solution for the political apathy on campus.

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## Feces from the Tower

**Fece #1:** Did you know that . . . the average attention span is about nine minutes long? This fact makes the fifty-minute class period obsolete since we are only absorbing nine minutes worth of information anyway.

**Fece #2:** Did you know that . . . a twenty-five page senior exercise is about 23 feet in length when laid end-to-end? If a hundred English majors write senior exercises, then the English department faculty is responsible for reading 2300 feet (or .44 miles) worth of senior exercises.

**Fece #3:** Did you know that . . . the average car owner on campus has incurred \$45 in parking tickets? If car owners put this money in a single fund, they could raise enough money for group travel to Ft. Lauderdale during off-peak hours. Let's go!

**Fece #4:** Did you know that . . . the English department is planning on taking over the College? By the year 2000 Kenyon will be graduating 475 English majors every year. Scary thought.

**Fece #5:** Did you know that . . . *Collegian* editors spend all their time thinking of ways to annoy people?

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## Rock offers enlightenment

By Ann Stevens

The *Cleveland Times-Tribune* calls the Beta rock, "the most articulate fraternity mascot to grace a college campus." The Kenyon community will have the opportunity to hear the Beta rock speak Tuesday night in Rosse Hall at 8:00 pm. Its topic will be "Rock Music: How Authentic? How Fantastic?" This lecture will explore the theory that rocks sing lyrical, beguiling songs at pitches that can only be heard by the sensitive ears of fraternity boys who can bench press more than 200 pounds.

The Beta rock is more than qualified to discourse on this topic. The rock did its graduate work at the Juillard School of Geology after a short stint as lead singer for Motley Crue. The rock has also worked as an underwriter for Prudential Insurance Company and has written a book entitled *Getting a Piece of the Rock*.

The rock subsequently became interested in Taoism and Zen and settled in Gambier to enrich its monastic, spiritual life. Its sporty pink and blue coloring—pink on one side and blue on the other with just a drop of pink coloring the blue side and a drop of blue coloring the pink side—represents the yin and the yang. "Rocks," the Beta rock once wrote, "manifest the perfect physical and spiritual equilibrium."

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## Campaign launched

By Bookoo Bucks

As well as bringing themselves and their nice cars to campus next fall, incoming freshmen will also be bringing donations for the Kenyon Fund. The Development Office has announced its kickoff of Prospective Challenge '86, a fundraising drive directed at high school seniors planning to enroll at Kenyon in the fall. The campaign allows students to pledge particular amounts of money to the College, payable in installments over their four years here.

The pledge drive began on April 18, but giving will not begin until the fall. The Prospective Challenge allows prospectives to choose one of four payment plans for amounts of \$1, \$500, \$750,000 or \$1.5 million. Says President Jordan, "I think this is a good way to encourage donations. Often when seniors graduate, they're disillusioned with Kenyon, or they're not making enough money to make their pledges worth our while. Prospectives, on the other hand, are still excited about the Kenyon experience. By the time they're tired of it, they'll already be committed to giving money. The other advantage is that they can always get their parents to pay the amount they pledge."

Ms. Kimberlee Klesner comments, "Our main goal, of course, is participation and education, not the amount of money raised." At the same time, she admits, "I haven't had a vacation in a long time, and this could be the answer to my prayers."

In coordination with the Prospective Challenge, the Admissions Office has also announced that it will revise the yardstick it uses to evaluate applications. EGP (Estimated Giving Potential) will replace the GPA and SAT in the alphabet soup of admissions criteria. "Our applicants are getting better all the time," John Kushan said, rubbing his hands together.

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## Olin Library converted to parking garage

In an unprecedented display of backbone, President Jordan announced his decision to convert the new Olin Library into a parking garage. The building will be re-named the Olin Parking Garage.

The decision followed pressure from enraged students who demanded increased parking space near classes and study areas. "We're getting lazy," says one senior, "and it's time we did something about it."

Tom Davidson, Director of Security and Safety agrees that the parking garage idea is a

good one. "Officer 14 is getting writer's cramp," Davidson says, "and anyway, a parking garage will be a much cheaper way to finance my summer trip to Bermuda. Instead of fining people outrageously, we can just charge them outright for use of the facility."

Security plans to erect a ticket booth at the entrance of the Olin Parking Garage. Parking costs will be assessed on an hourly basis which has not yet been determined. "We'll see how this summer's trip goes before we set rates," says Davidson.

## Almanac

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"From now on, every two years, we'll be able to enlighten all those poor, stupid fools who have let themselves be blinded by the liberal indoctrinators on this campus. The first issue will be a great graduation present for this year's sophomore class. Maybe they could look into bronzing a copy and presenting it as the Senior Gift."

After hearing about Pfalzgraf and Burgess' plans, Mark Moon, disgruntled ex-editor of the now-defunct *Gambier Journal*, only commented, "Ha! Do those jerks really think they can succeed? If I couldn't do it, no one can."

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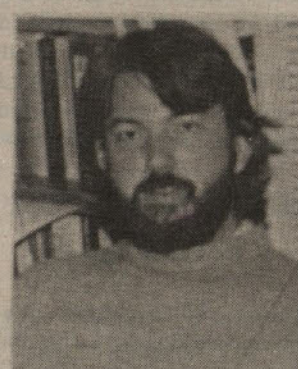
**Name:** Jerry Irish  
**Occupation:** Leftist Indoctrinator  
**Crime:** Instigation of Women's Studies & Feminism in an attempt to destroy the natural order. Indoctrination of numerous students. Suspected political torturer.  
**Present Location:** Ransom Hall



**Name:** Joan Straumanis  
**Occupation:** Colonel in the Women's Revolutionary Army  
**Crime:** The instigation of feminist ideals into an institution founded upon the American principles of life, liberty, and justice for some.  
**Current Status:** considered armed and dangerous.



**Name:** George McCarthy  
**Alias:** "Mac"  
**Occupation:** Professional Marxist  
**Crime:** Attempting to bring about the Socialist State by instilling feelings of guilt about the poor. Suspected Communist spy.  
**Present Location:** the state of Disarray



**Name:** Richard Jacobs  
**Alias:** "Jake"  
**Occupation:** former Political Science Prof. (aged hippie)  
**Crime:** Friend of Fidel Castro, Sympathetic to Communist ideals. Suspected of running arms and Levis to Cuba.  
**Escaped from Kenyon:** May, 1985  
**Present Location:** lost in the Midwest

Report all leads to Ms. Elizabeth Lilla (*Commentary* magazine).

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